

6AU 1644 +\$  
Box 800  
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.

BY: Victoria A. Jones

DATE: 4/22/02 #18/C

RECEIVED  
PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE** MAY 06 2002

In re: Patent Application of  
Jurgen Eck et al.

Conf. No.: 3271

Appln. No: 09/347,064

Filed: July 2, 1999

Title: RECOMBINANT FUSION PROTEINS  
BASED ON RIBOSOME-INACTIVATING  
PROTEINS OF THE MISTLETOE  
*VISCUM ALBUM*



: Group Art Unit 1647 TECH CENTER 1600/2900

: Examiner: Margaret Jamroz

: Attorney Docket  
: No. 9282-5  
: (B 3521 US)

TECH-CEN

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action, mailed October 22, 2001 (Paper No. 17), please consider the following remarks and amendments. This response is timely filed on April 22, 2002, in view of the Petition for an extension of time up to and including April 22, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please delete the paragraph at page 25, lines 16-26, and replace it with the amended paragraph as follows:

C1  
-- In another preferred embodiment of the nucleic acid molecule according to the invention, the affinity module is a histidine sequence, thioredoxin, a maltose-binding protein, or GFP (green fluorescent protein). Additionally, the affinity module may be *STREP-TAG*®, available from IBA GmbH, Gottingen, Germany, a peptide having highly selective binding affinity for engineered streptavidin; the FLAG peptide (DYKDDDDK[SEQ ID NO.: 39]), available as FLAG-TAG® from Stratagene, Corp., La Jolla, California, U.S.A.; or T7-TAG®, a T7 peptide that is an 11 amino acid gene leader peptide, available commercially from CN Biosciences Corp., Darmstadt, Germany. The affinity module is a peptide sequence which is